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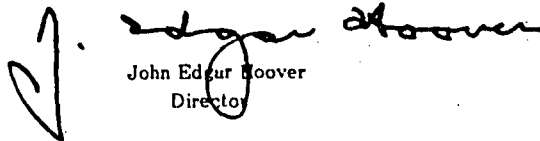
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

ATTENTION: Deputy Director, Plans

Dear Sir:

- ☒ 1. For your information, I am enclosing communications which may be of interest to you.
- ☐ 2. No further investigation is contemplated with regard to this matter.
- ☐ 3. You will be advised of the pertinent developments in connection with this inquiry.
- ☐ 4. Please note change in caption of this case.
- ☐ 5. Status of case: ☐ Completed ☐ Incomplete

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

April 13, 1967

MARTIN BORMANN  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On April 7, 1967, James G. Hughes, 510 Blunt  
Street, Clay Center, Kansas, advised as follows:

Hughes is a 77-year-old widower and retired  
banker. He has been a resident of Clay County, Kansas, for  
the past 67 years and estimates he is personally acquainted  
with 75% of the persons living in this county. He is  
presently a semi-invalid suffering from gout and is cared for  
in his home by a housekeeper, Mrs. Hoffman.

Some 15 or 16 years ago Lester Humbarger and his  
wife, name unknown, came to live in Clay Center. They have  
no children and live in a secluded house on 4th Street between  
the Electric Company plant and the railroad tracks. Humbarger  
has indicated he is a city employee, but exact occupation is  
not known.

In the past Hughes liked to fish and, in an  
unrecalled manner, learned Humbarger considered German carp  
a special delicacy. Since Hughes did not care to prepare  
the fish he caught, it became his habit to take the fish to  
the Humbarger home and this has been his only contact with  
Humbarger. In these contacts Humbarger appears very furtive,  
gives the impression from his actions that he is covering up  
or hiding, and has never volunteered any information concerning  
his background.

Several months ago Hughes read an article in  
Reader's Digest concerning Martin Bormann, and it appeared  
to him Humbarger might be identical with this man. Hughes  
does not recall any physical description given for Bormann in  
the article, but based his suspicion on the facts Humbarger

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came to Clay Center after World War II, his actions are very furtive, and he has a German accent. He told no one of his suspicion and, after considerable thought, decided to furnish his information to the proper authorities.

Lester Humbarger is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55 to 60 years
Height	5'10" to 6'
Weight	175 to 180 lbs.
Build	Lanky
Hair	Believed light brown, but usually wears a hat
Complexion	Medium
Scars and Marks	None apparent
Speech	German accent
Remarks	Sharp features, shifty-eyed

Hughes also noted it is his belief Hitler is still alive and living in Argentina. He based this on information that one German submarine did not surrender until about one year after the end of World War II, and believes this submarine was engaged in taking Hitler to South America.